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SUBJECT: FOLLOWUP TO ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. ACCORDING TO FRANCIS NKWAIN, DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND
RAOUF SAAD, SECOND SECRETARY IN EGYPTIAN EMBASSY (PROTECT BOTH)
ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA DID INDEED TAKE UP THE
QUESTION OF FRENCH INVOLVEMENT IN THE WESTERN SAHARA AND CHAD
(REFTELS A AND C) DURING HIS RECENT VISIT. HE REQUESTED
CAMEROON SUPPORT FOR ALGERIAN EFFORTS TO BRING THIS MATTER
BEFORE THE KHARTOUM OAU SUMMIT MEETING. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF
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THE CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH AND
AHIDJO AND THE FACT THAT CHAD IS A CONTIGUOUS NORTHERN NEIGH-
BOR, HADJO GAVE, IN EFFECT, A NON-COMMITAL RESPONSE. ALSO THE
GURC HAS NO INTENTION OF OPPOSING WHAT THEY CONSIDER, ACCORDING
TO NKWAIN, TO BE LEGITIMATE REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE.
FURTHERMORE, AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT VISIT OF THE SPANISH
FOREIGN MINISTER, (REFTEL B), ACCORDING TO SAAD AND JOAQUIM JUSTE,

THE SPANISH CHARGE, INDICATIONS ARE THAT CAMEROON DOES NOT INTEND TO ENDORSE ALGERIAN EFFORTS TO GAIN SUPPORT FOR THE CANARY ISLAND'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT (MPAIAC).

2. CONFIRMATION OF A SORT THAT CAMEROON DOES NOT TOE THE ALGERIAN LINE CAN BE SEEN IN THE GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED CAMEROON TRIBUNE OF MAY 11. THESE IS A REPORT OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER GUIRINGAUD MEETING WITH HIS SPANISH COUNTERPART MARCELIN OREJA IN MADRID. GUIRINGAUD IS SAID TO HAVE CRITIZED ALGERIAN DUPLICITY ON THE QUESTION OF EXTERNAL INTERVENTION IN AFRICAN STATES. TO ILLUSTRATE HIS POINT GUIRINGAUD CITED ALGERIAN AGREEMENT WITH SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ALGOLA AND ETHIOPIA IN ORDER TO PROTECT "TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY" BUT CRIED "COLONIALISM AND EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE" WHEN MAURITANIA ASKS ITS FRIENDS FOR ASSISTANCE TO PROTECT ITS SOVEREIGNTY. IT IS NOTICEABLE THAT GUIRINGAUD'S STATEMENTS ARE JUXTAPOSED TO NEWSPAPER REPORT ON ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA'S RECENT STOP IN NIAMEY PRIOR TO RETURNING TO ALGIERS.

3. ACCORDING TO SAAD, BOUTEFLIKA WAS PREPARED TO SEND AN AMBASSADOR TO CAMEROON. HOWEVER, AS A RESULT OF THE VISIT, THE AMBASSADOR MAY NOT BE SENT AS SOON AS WAS ANTICIPATED. SUCH A DEVELOPMENT MAY NOT BOTHER THE GURC TOO MUCH AS THEY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN SUSPICIOUS OF ALGERIAN PROTESTATIONS THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER FURNISHING SUPPORT FOR THE BANNED UPC, WHEN, IT IS KNOWN FOR A FACT THAT IN THE PAST ALGERIA WAS A LEADING UPC
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BACKER. IN ADDITION, THERE MAY NOT BE MUCH FORWARD MOVEMENT ON VARIOUS JOINT ECONOMIC PROJECTS INVOLVING ALGERIAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WHICH HAVE BEEN IN THE WORKS FOR OVER A YEAR.
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